

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2006, restriction to one of claims 1-15 and claims 18-31 was required. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-15. Applicants hereby cancel claims 18-31, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

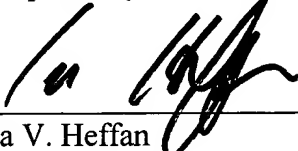
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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